(c) what are the plans being drawn up for the utilization of the above potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Since January 1987, oil has been discovered in three wells and their rate of flow is as under:

Name of oil find well	Rate of flow BOPD	Choke size (in rinches)
B-131-1 . . .	2109	
B-179-1 . . .	1930	
B-132-1 . . .	1685	

The potential of these finds would be known after they are delineated by further exploratory drilling. Plans for utilization can be drawn up only after assessment of potential has been made.

Biogas Plants in the country

918. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants so far put up in the country and the estimated saving of the conventional Fuel that has accrued to the nation as a result of the installation of these plants;

(b) whether any useful work has been done so far by the "all India Coordinate Project on Bio-gas" in regard to the micro-biological, biochemical, engineering, extension and socio-economic aspects of biogas technology; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) About 8.4 lakh family based biogas plants have been sat up till end March, 1987. Besides, 264 community and institutional biogas plants have been set up under a separate scheme. It is estimated that these biogas plants are saving about 30 lakh tonnes of fuelwood equivalent per year valued at about Rs. 120.00 crores per year. In addition, they are producing enriched organic manure valued at about Rs. 119 crores per year.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The 'All India Coordinated Project on Biogas Development' gave useful results to rationalise biogas plants design for different agro-climatic conditions, to isolate, screen and identify micro-organisms involved in methane fermentation, to develop cheaper designs by using locally available construction materials, to determine technical viability of large sized floating gas holder type biogas plants, etc. Laboratory and small-scale pilot plants for different feedstocks were set up which have formed the basis of more detailed research and development work now being continued at many other institutions.

Maintenance cases filed by divorced wives

919. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of maintenance of divorced wives under section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code filed in various law courts throughut the country during each of the last 3 years and the current year so far;and

(b) how far the Supreme Court's decision in the Shah Bano case and the consequential amendment of the Act have affected the fate of such divorced women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The intention of the Hon'ble Members appears to be to know the effect of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986. The said Act came into force w.e.f. 19-5-1986 only and it is too early to assess its effect on the fate of the divorced women.